very like a king's judge; Portalis, a pleasant, unaffected jurisconsult. There was a fine set-out. It being the day when Brottier's conspiracy had been discovered, that subject afforded conversation.[1]

I have received an official letter from Mr. Dundas, signifying that, by the King's express command, he communicated to me His Majesty's thorough approbation of my conduct in the negotiation. The Powers to whom I officially communicated the contents of Mr. Dundas's letter were very well pleased, and the whole has made a pleasant impression; it is looked upon as a *rapprochement des deux nations.* I have but one Director violently against me, on account of your friendship with queens and Harry's having been a page—viz., Reubel, who says I am a Frenchman, because I speak French without an English accent, and pretends my son served in FArm6e de Cond6. But I am told he is an honest man, although obstinate; so that if ever he can be persuaded that he is mistaken on my score, he will be a staunch friend. One other, Barras, is said to be quite indifferent.

As he has been civil to me, he certainly cannot

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i Andrew Brottier, a priest, who was implicated, in 1797, in a conspiracy against the Directory. He was seized and banished to Synnamari, where he died in 1798.